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Mayor's Youth Summer of Service is almost full

Registration for the first Mayor's Youth Summer of Service began today and all nine service projects are almost full! The Mayor's Youth Summer of Service is a series of service-learning projects during June and July especially designed for teens ages 14-17.

"What a fantastic response!" Mayor Smith said. "It is no surprise to me that even over summer break Mesa teens are committed to making a difference in our community."

There are a few spaces left and teens can register online at http://www.mesaaz.gov/volunteer/MayorSummerService.aspx or call Katie Brown at 480.644.3705 for more information.

"The program has been so successful in its first day of registration that we are looking to see if we can add more projects," Smith said. "The more we can offer, the more service can be provided and the more Mesa teens can help address the needs of our community. So stay tuned because we may be back with more projects!"

Some of the service projects include assembling medical packets for doctors overseas, stocking shelves at the food bank, helping in an adult day care center, educating the public about recycling, assisting in an animal shelter and much more. For a full listing of projects and registration information go to http://www.mesaaz.gov/volunteer/MayorSummerService.aspx.

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In December 2009, Mayor Smith became a member of the Cities of Service Coalition along with nearly one hundred other mayors who have committed themselves to working together to lead a multi-year effort to expand community service and volunteerism in cities across the country. The coalition is dedicated to implementing the recently enacted Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act through programs like the Mayor's Summer of Service.